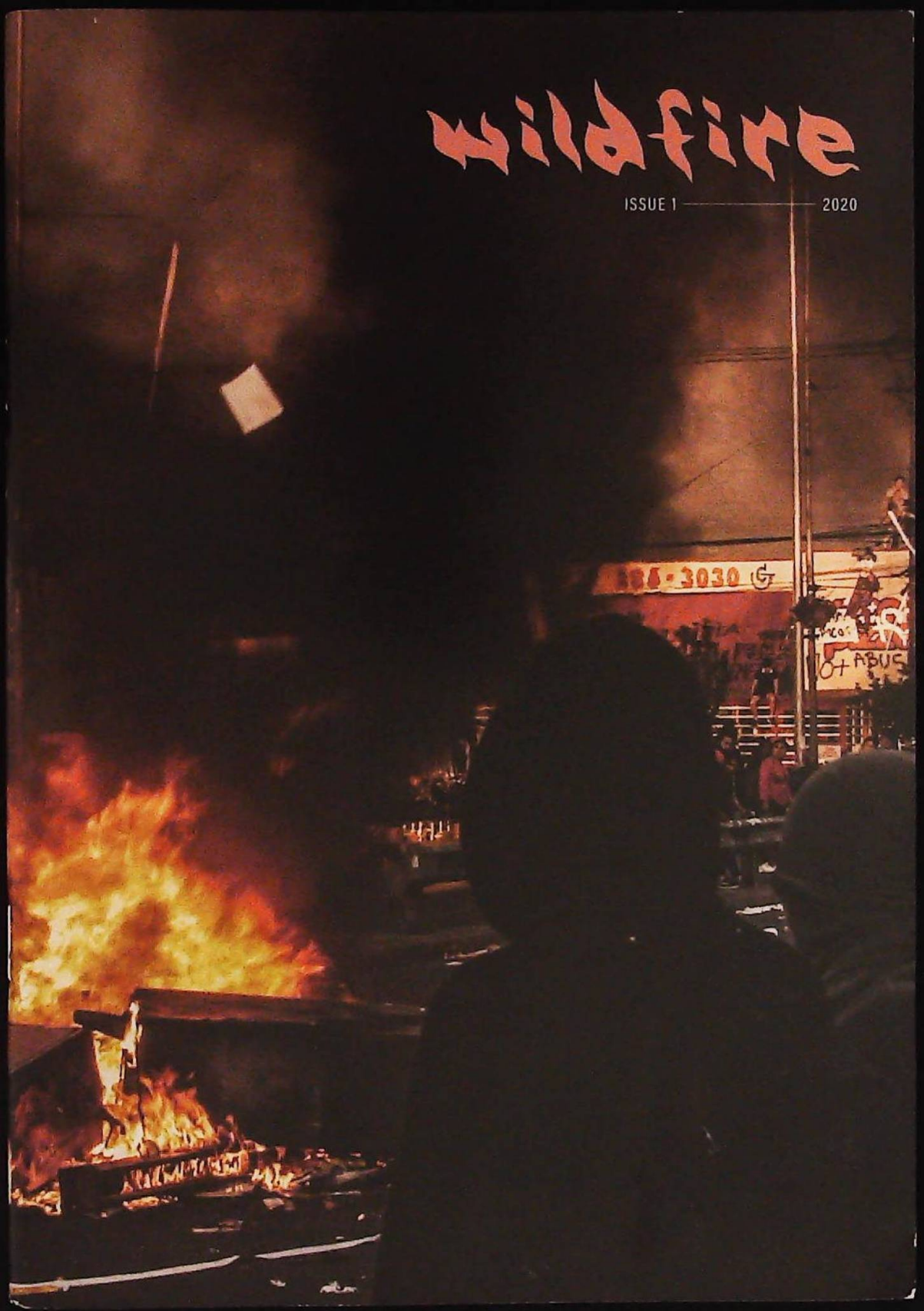
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Welcome to **wildfire**

– a magazine for the radical anarchist, the animal liberationist and those who are willing to fight for a better world. We are not gonna lie, we can't promise to be producing one of those every couple of months, but we will try to be regular! Bear with us, all the work we do is voluntarily, we are not getting paid and we can only work when we have the time!

Because we are talking about money, we should probably mention this. All profits made with the magazine will be funnelled back into prisoner support as well as support for grassroots groups organising and taking action. If you've ended up reading this magazine for free and you can afford it, please drop some coins over PayPal to your favourite sanctuary or your closest prisoner support group. We are sure they will most certainly appreciate it!

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Equally as important, and regardless of where you got your copy from, Wildfire Magazine stands alone and does not represent any specific group. The content you will find in the magazine has been written by many different people, from different backgrounds, most of them anonymously.

That brings us to the next point. You can also contribute to this magazine! Do you have ideas, articles, photos or artwork you'd like featured? Email us on wildfiremagazine@riseup.net

Enjoy the ride, share it, support each other, get on the streets and *don't* cause a whole lot of trouble.

No one is free until all are free.

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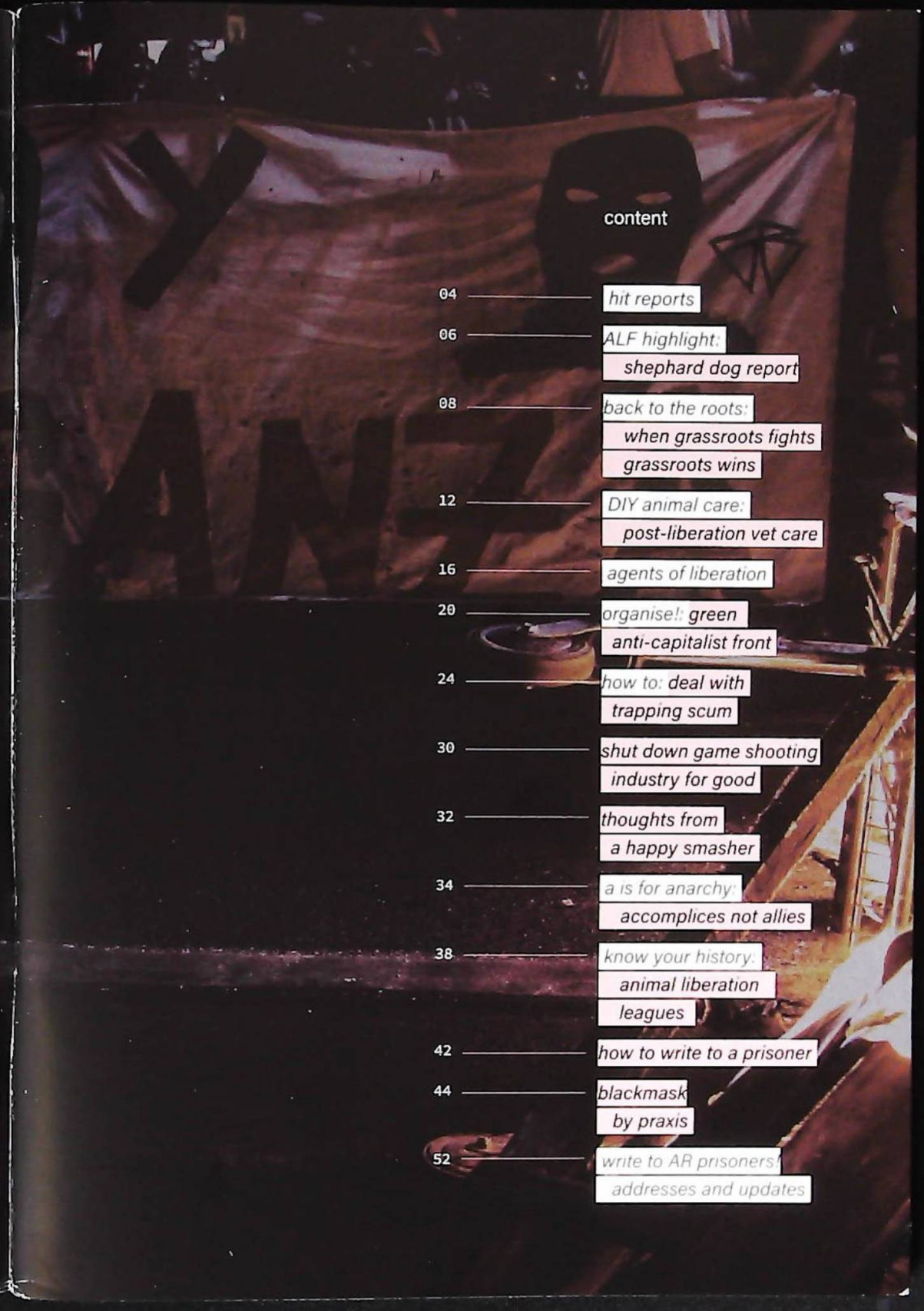

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Undisclosed time
and place
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*Butcher shop*
*spraypainted*

Many actions deserve a mention, but the actions of the Animal Liberation Front through the campaign against Little Oakhurst in Kent (UK) were undoubtedly a driving force to bag a "win" for the animal liberation community.

We chose those actions for two key reasons. First, they were part of a broader campaign and they accompanied overground actions. They reinforced the idea that direct action, when used as part of a wider strategy, can put enough pressure on the target that the target has to give up. Second, the shepherd dog rescue was the definitive definition of direct action. You cannot wait for the "authorities" or "organisations" to do what is right. If you want something done, you need to lace up your boots and get it done yourself.

It is important to understand both concepts. When we talk about animal liberation in its own vacuum (for example, some folks entering a poultry farm and helping free a few hens), the impact is important for those individuals, but not strong enough to force the industry into a reaction. When direct action is part of a broader campaign, the overground activities, the legal actions, the protests and so forth are accompanied with the anonymity of folks that will do anything to help save lives. That unknown of the face mask and the quiet of the night has historically made animal abusers give in to the requests of overground campaigners out of fear of what could come next, and it will continue to do so when direct action is part of a broader campaign.

I say that the rescue of that Shepherd dog was the definitive definition of direct action because even when the campaign had ended and Tracey Middleton was stopped from owning, trading or having anything to do with animal exploitation, the judge still allowed her to keep that dog under her ownership. It is exactly then when people realise they cannot hope for "justice", and that if they want a just world, they need to make it happen themselves.

Overground campaigners had run a long campaign and fought hard to get Tracey to give up the animals. The judge who forced her to stop still deemed acceptable to keep a dog in a chain, on the mud, with no water or food or a roof over their head. The RSPCA saw no problem with it either. It is not a surprise that many animal lovers would have a problem with that situation, and it is even less surprising that the same day the court trial ended that dog could run free and away from the abusers.

Wherever that dog is, we hope they are having the time of their lives. We hope they are in the mud when they choose, and happy and dry when they need to. We hope they can heal from the scars that abusers inflicted upon them. We hope they are happy and run free for the rest of their life.

13.02.20 Kent

## Shepherd dog report

*from a report received anonymously:*

"After hearing Tracey's sentencing by the judge and not happy with the fact that she is still allowed to keep two dogs and a cat, we decided to pay a visit to her farm. It was of no surprise to find the collie stuck in the mud, locked in a cage without any shelter, food or water. Another of Tracy's victims shoved in the barn in what we assume was an attempt to continue the abuse away from prying eyes. Well Tracy, we have eyes everywhere. Even as you sit in prison and long after you come home we will still be watching you.

Seeing as the justice system failed to help this animal, just like so many others, we decided that the dog should come with us and spend the rest of their life in a safe and comfortable environment. Although it was obvious to us, it never fails to amaze that even with Tracey locked up in prison, the animals in the farm still suffer.

Luckily for that dog, they will never be used again as a tool to exploit other animals. They will never again have to endure life in a cage, mud up to their knees and no companionship. They will be able to express the love they surprisingly still have for humans however they need and they will receive love back.

Sadly we were unable to locate the second dog and the cat that were also allowed by the judge to stay under Tracey's precarious 'care.' No one else should suffer because of the acts of that horrible human.

**There is no justice, there is just direct action."**

# When grassroots fights grassroots wins

@KentAnimalDefenders [fb/ig]
@KentDefenders [tw]

Starting as Kent animal save and waving placards at slaughterhouses, we quickly realised this wasn't enough for us, we wanted to actually 'save' animals and following rules and hierarchy wasn't our thing, after an impromptu walk in at Forge Farm that ended in arrests, we parted ways with Save and became Kent Animal Defenders.

It didn't take long before a call from a good friend that had a tip off about a shit hole farm in Bethersden, we set to work. We weren't mentally prepared for the fuckshow at Little Oakhurst and what a gruelling campaign this would become.

March 2018 we jumped the gate and within the first 50 foot, we came across a full size sheep skeleton, for 3 hours, more of the same, parts of lambs'f bodies, rotting sheep in waterways, skulls and bones in hedges and some hidden in containers. Full of rage we knew the only thing we wanted was to shut this place down. We're not a welfare group at all, anyone in AR knows that doesn't exist but we used the authorities to our advantage, bouncing one off against the other as they passed the blame, also highlighting the abomination that welfare is. When they didn't listen, we posted 'calls to action' on social media, listing

emails and numbers for DEFRA, APHA, Kent trading standards, local MPs and even the RSPCA (who actually stated the animals and pasture looked well), our followers blocked phone lines and emails, we got in touch with local news groups, the BBC, ITV, anyone we thought might listen, whilst we tirelessly walked the fields gathering more evidence.

After being given an 'improvement notice' you'd think Tracy Middleton would've changed but no, it got fucking worse. one night saw us take an hour to dig a poor ram out of mud, his mouth and nose full of dirt, we made a make shift sling from our clothes and carried him another hour an half to our vehicle, it was emotional, physically and mentally draining, one team member was getting overwhelmed and our moto was born that night "not now.....work first....cry later" we stood by this for 2 years! Sadly our Wally (Walter Bond) didn't make it.

We finally got a small breakthrough when the BBC contacted us, they'd followed the campaign and read the number of emails with pictures from the farm that we'd sent them and wanted to run with it. At this point anonymity was important, so a local had agreed to speak to them with one of our team, the response was great, people were rightly horrified yet the piece of shit farmer still, on camera refused to admit anything was wrong, so we carried on.

It got worse still, now we had calves stuffed into feed buckets, pigs feeding from bin bags full of cow bones, emaciated ewes left to feed the lambs of their fallen comrades, mamas standing over their dead babies, full size cows rotting in the sheep fields, we carried on but this time we were there almost daily, emails to authorities were sent constantly with new evidence, calls to actions, protests, we weren't giving up. By the end of 2019, the BBC called us for another meeting, we showed them a small part of the, 50 plus dead, rotting animals we'd found just that week, they also managed to film the poor collie dog, up to their knees in shit and mud, no water, no food, covered in filth inside a cage with no shelter.

A couple of days later we got the message we'd been waiting for, this despicable, piece of shit had been arrested, charged with more than 41 counts of animal cruelty and neglect, our footage and pictures were used as evidence against her by Kent trading standards, she plead guilty.

On the 13th February 2020 Tracy Middleton received a 4 month custodial sentence and fines and costs mounting to around £60,000 plus a 10 year ban from owning/ keeping any animals, we done it, it was fucking over.

We managed to get them to surrender around 15 ewes (some pregnant) and lambs, plus the campaign receiving attention across the AR community sparked a wave of liberations from Little Oakhurst, hit report after hit report of amazing, autonomous humans taking not just these poor sheep but also the neglected doggo, all safe now, we can't thank them enough, for a moment the AR community was one and it was fucking beautiful.

This campaign is over now and we're on to the next one already.

Oakhurst hardened us a little, broke us too but the fight goes on. Until all are free!

Note: KAD doesn't support prison system.

KENT ANIMAL DEFENDERS

# Post-liberation vet care

## *01 — handling*

Something that has become apparent over time is how unaccustomed most people are to animal handling as well as vastly underestimating the strength of animals and their willingness to simply know you are an ally and walk off into the night with you.

Being unprepared in how you plan on moving them from a>b is not only dangerous to you - bites, pecks, kicks, flaps (which fucking hurt btw) will happen - but will cause unnecessary stress to the animal in what will probably already be, a stressful moment. Things to consider - can the animal walk themselves? Tempting them with food might be a good idea. Mothers will walk with you if you carry their babies away. Flocks of birds on a game farm for example can be herded towards an opening. It is worth mentioning that any full grown bird can cause a human quite a lot of pain/injury when they flap. Once you have secured the wings with both hands placing them into a bag to carry them out. Shopping bags, laundry bags or ikea bags work well for birds. If the animal is collapsed and too heavy to be carried by one person, a tarp is useful to drag them along. They would have to be completely collapsed if using this method otherwise their resistance may cause them and you an injury. Gently placing a slip lead around the neck of any of the four legged animals that are able to walk is a good idea so they can't suddenly bolt. Whatever your approach, plan it and go for it.

These animals have prey instincts they are not accustomed to humans as their friends and will try to escape you. Your first attempt will most likely be your best shot, make it count.

## *02 – emergency care*

The large majority of animals escaping confinement will suffer some sort of ailment as a result of either a subpar environment or the cruelty of their genetically modified bodies. If you are going to care for them long term it is advisable to utilise peer groups of carers to guide you on common problems. What we will discuss here are practical tips for their immediate relief and survival.

**most of the animals you meet will be in physical pain or systemic duress**

Their bodies are grotesquely altered and none of it is comfortable. They will have wounds, sores, weaknesses, metabolic imbalances. Help them with their pain, do not wait for guidance from veterinary professionals. Start a meds box. Start it before the job, way before. Collate meds. Meds sharing is a thing between humans: extend that to our animal comrades. We can safely share our meds with animals (some of them are over the counter). It is worth saying that, whilst gruesome, the majority of wounds are not a concern unless parts of the body cavity are hanging out or blood is spurting. If blood is spurting torniquet or if safe hold tightly above the wound. This would require immediate vet attention, but survival rate would be low.

Other things to consider: will the animal be too hot? This is an issue for fattened species (older pigs and broilers for example) and overcrowded conditions, open windows on the drive. Too cold? Keep them warm - shove them down your top if you can so they can receive your body heat and bundle up when you are in the car, crank the heat. No mission should be attempted without a blanket - it has all manner of uses. Make sure it is plain and unrecognisable as well.
Have they been able to access water? Have a bottle in the car, you should always have this.

You'll never know when you will need it. Infant animals are at risk of hypothermia and low blood sugar. Get sugar into them if they are floppy or twitching/ seizuring - this is a sign of low sugar. Rub a high sugar syrup on their gums/ tongue. Maple syrup, agave, date. Any of that will do and repeat every 30 minutes until you can get them to a bottle of milk/ species specific feed which should be asap. Babies who look like this that do not get sugar into them will die in an hour or two. With sugar it is amazing how quickly they bounce back. Try sugar on the gums for any collapsed animal it is worth a shot, easy to do and low risk.

## 03 — transport

Ensure the vehicle you have is adequately sized for the animal to be put inside safely and in dignity. Do not fold a shetland pony into the boot of a mini cooper for example. Animals in the boot can be attended to by dropping a seat down whilst one person rides in the back seat. Consider doing this rather than driving around with a calf on your lap. It is overall less stressful in there for them because it is darker and quieter. That doesn't mean you can bang out tunes in the front. Keep everything calm for them. Keep the temperature ambient for their needs. Keep their journey to their new home as short as logistically possible as not to cause them more stress. I.e fill up the tank before you go, not after. Don't drive recklessly. Don't stop for snacks or chats.

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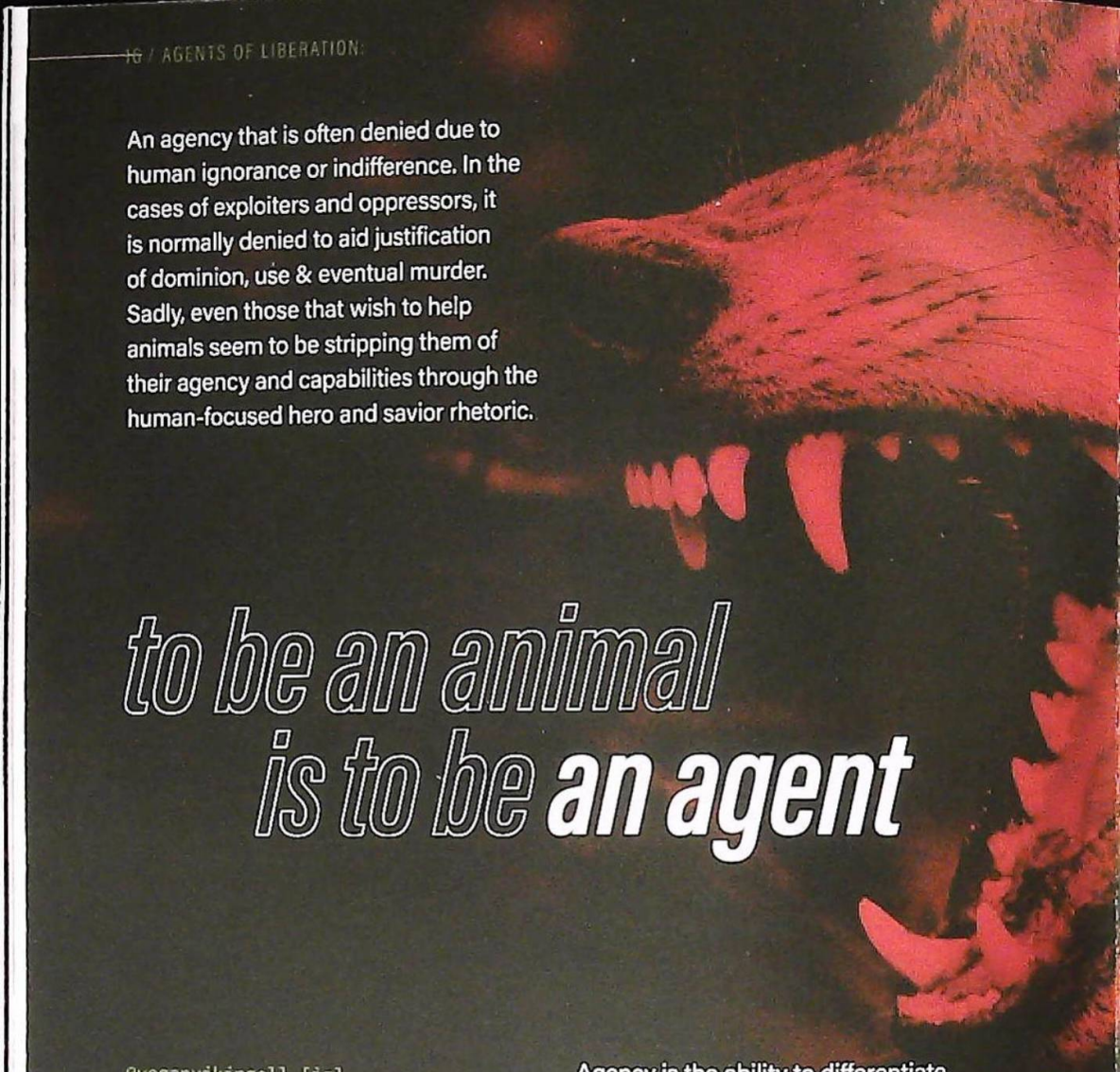
## 04 — vet care

Eventually you may have to go to a vet. They must be a large animal vet. Not the practice you take your cat to. Even though all vets learn the same curriculum which includes both domesticated animals and farmed animals, the small animal vets won't stock some of the drugs you will need to rehabilitate larger animals. There are no large animal vets in cities. Small animal vets will work in a pinch but will also raise eyebrows - which is the next point. Find a vet that doesn't ask questions. Have a vague cover story anyway. This will be trial and error finding a vet that doesn't snoop much, if they want a full back story just don't use them next time. Remove any identifying tags or rings before you step inside the vet practice. The vet will know the farmer. 100%. It's fine to give a fake name and address and paying in cash is fine/ advised. Out of hours vets cost an absolute packet, filthy anarchist bums don't usually have mounds of cash lying about so be logical about where you spend it. If you have no idea what to do with an animal that is suffering or dying take them to a practice that has a vet on site, ring the doorbell and leave them on the doorstep anonymously. They are obliged to give emergency treatment. You won't ever see them again or know what happened to them and perhaps that emergency treatment is unfortunately euthanasia but we need to be prepared for the fact that sometimes it is in their best interest. Vet practices use CCTV so don't drive your vehicle onto the property and mask up if you are dropping an animal off. Watch from a safe vantage point that they were taken in before driving away.

An agency that is often denied due to human ignorance or indifference. In the cases of exploiters and oppressors, it is normally denied to aid justification of dominion, use & eventual murder. Sadly, even those that wish to help animals seem to be stripping them of their agency and capabilities through the human-focused hero and savior rhetoric.

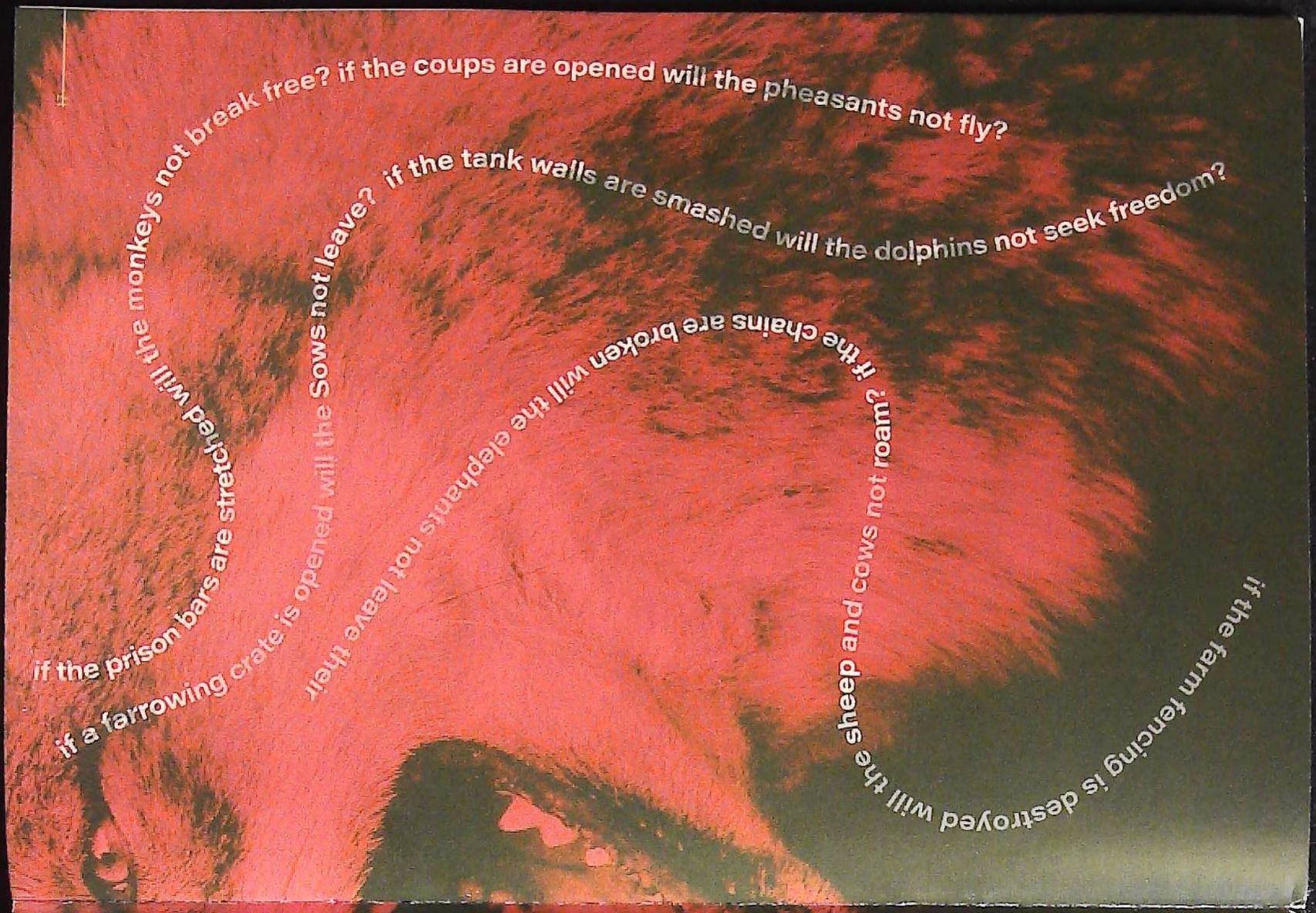


# to be an animal is to be an agent

@veganvikingell [ig]
@agents_of_liberation [ig]

Agency is the ability to differentiate agentive entities such as themself from inanimate objects in the environment and recognize the agentive and receptive roles and interactions and their capacity will determine what they can achieve with their agency.

Sabotage via human accomplices is a great tool in assisting liberation but this shouldn't be recognised as a total dependency, but more so an interdependency.


if the farm fencing is destroyed will the sheep and cows not roam?
if the chains are broken will the elephants not leave their
if the tank walls are smashed will the dolphins not seek freedom?
if a farrowing crate is opened will the Sows not leave?
if the prison bars are stretched will the monkeys not break free? if the coups are opened will the pheasants not fly?

There are many animals that through human domestication, genetic influence and slave mastery create situations of total dependency and these animals need further assistance (to give their survival a better chance) but through an interdependent framework, their individuality and agency can naturally emerge as they learn who we are and we learn who they are.

However, the above being liberation isn't how the majority of these stories play out. Billions of animals resist every day. Every act ofresistance is a display of that individual's agency and capacity to resist.

**every time they refuse the rack to be artificially inseminated, they buck when their bodies are being ridden, they claw when the trainer provokes, they kick and scream as their body is mutilated, they drag their trainer deeper underwater, they jump from the moving truck taking them to slaughter, or any act that simply opposes forced instruction.**

These are all acts of defiance and should not only be recognised but spoken about to empower animals in their fight for justice, not pity. These acts are political, they oppose the constraints forced upon them by the systems of oppression and the oppressors that uphold.

Throughout history, there have been many famous cases of these self liberations or acts of defiance, many of which were tactful, meticulous missions of revenge against their masters or antagonists they recognised.

These include;

Tyke, The Elephant Outlaw who broke free multiple times from captivity, killing her trainers with her last ending with her being gunned down in Hawaii.

Tatiana, The Siberian Tiger who jumped her walls of a San Francisco zoo and killed one boy and seriously injured two others who had been provoking her. She was subsequently killed by the police.

Tilikum, The Orca who killed 3 trainers during his life as a captive slave for human entertainment.

Moe, The Chimpanzee who was used as a domesticated pet for most of his life and eventually breaking free from his final home (confined to a cage) which was within an exotic park.

Even as i sit here writing about the agency and capabilities of non-humans as a human, I am to a certain degree limiting them within a human interpretational framework. Stories give this credence and validity. They allow us to empower them in their fight for justice. But let's not forget that every animal, who has ever been bought or bred into a system of exploitation resisted. Whether it was an act that humans perceive as reserved or bold, timid or defiant, it matters not for they are all, **agents of liberation**.

greenanticapitalist.org

# Green Anti-Capitalist Front

An alliance to fight back against capitalism, against animal oppression and against the destruction of the Earth.

*I guess first comes first, who are you? What is GAF?*

The Green Anti-capitalist Front is an alliance of different groups and individuals that are united under the belief that capitalism is one of the core reasons for the climate and ecological crisis and that if we don't act soon the costs of that crisis will fall on the poor and powerless.

We also share the belief that a disruptive campaign of direct action is needed to combat the ongoing environmental destruction and to prevent those profiting from the destruction from shifting the costs on the working class and frontline communities and as a group we aim to act together, to take action, and spread a radical, anticapitalist position on climate change and other environmental issues.

*Why has it been claimed to be an alternative to Extinction rebellion and why does the movement need an alternative to XR?*

As a group we will continue to maintain a relationship with the Extinction Rebellion while maintaining certain critiques. Webelieve that XR fails to adequately embed climate, gender and racial justice in their work and continues to fall short of a material critique of the "system" they wish so much to change. This lack of social awareness is continued in their consistent failures of working with and alongside the police, a position which consistently leads to people being left out of their vision and excluded from actions. How broad really is their church?

*Talk to us about Paddington Green. Why was that space in particular chosen for a squat? How did it differ from other squats?*

Paddington Green was partly chosen because it works well as a massive fuck you to the system. Using the law to occupy a building built to uphold the law. Squatting the police station was a really important to us. We were taking the state's own tools and using them to create a space for the people. It provided a home and a community space to people.

*Squatting a cop shop is without a doubt a badass and bold move. Tell us one or two interesting stories that people should learn about from that squat.*

I think the cop shop squat was pretty different to the usual abandoned pubs and cafes. From size to just the general feeling of the building. We had tonnes of free space to host other groups and events simultaneously. We had a beautiful view from the fifteen story high tower. Being able to literally just walk through custody and into the cells at anytime. Squatting the station itself i feel was quite a unique experience. The building isn't built to be welcoming and it's very clear. I think after the first few days it becomes really clear how unwelcoming and unfriendly the building

really is. Pubs, like our new squat, definitely seem to have in general just a warmer, more inviting feeling.

*How was the eviction process? Were arrests made?*

Police tried to illegally evict us multiple times claiming the space was a residential building or that the space was being used. We managed to resist these evictions which meant we could hold the space until the eviction papers and bailiffs came. Once the eviction papers came in it was no longer able to be used as a safe community space as it was unpredictable as to when we would get evicted. This meant that after the eviction papers came in we established a new GAF squat, The George, which meant most of us had relocated, leaving Paddington with other green activists. No arrests were made when the squat was evicted.

*We would like to hear about the week of action that was organised by GAF. What sort of actions did the group take?*

For GAFs week of action we held lots of workshops in the new squat, teaching new skills and hosting important talks. We also held a demo outside the stock exchange which caused it to go into lockdown. The Rally Against Capital was done in order to show that power and wealth is not invulnerable, it can be damaged. We also had more wholesome actions like seedbombing in Finsbury Park and aiding with local issues, such as the council cutting down trees around the squat.

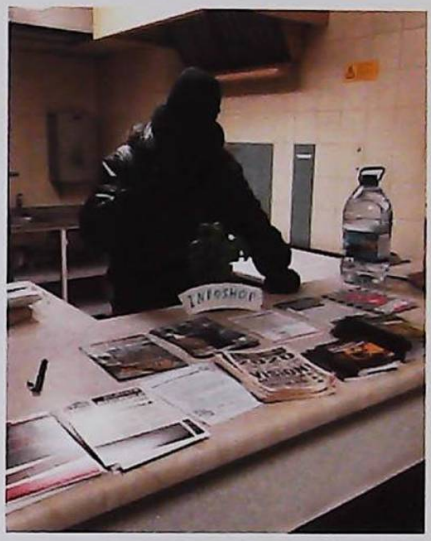
*We see many groups as a single issue force, but GAF seems to understand collective liberation a little bit better. How would you suggest that movements like animal liberation or earth liberation can empower themselves more and join a wider struggle that will ultimately change the way we live?*

We strongly believe that the only way forward for global liberation is to understand the interconnected oppressions facing both the earth, animals and people. As abuse of the earth increases, the time for embedding ourselves in our single issue camps has passed and the future of radical action is to consistently work together and across liberation movements to strengthen our power, numbers and potential. The way towards shifting our relationship with the earth and animals is by coming together as radicals to make impact in the often corporate and Liberal mainstream environmental movement and separately to take a combined radical front to the forces of neoliberalism and abuse of nature. We think this is deeply necessary in order to adequately oppose capitalism and the ills of industrialised society.

*Following that train of thought, the animal rights movement has had a few stories of sexual harassment from positions of power in different groups, and it is starting a new wave of folks who want to build an alternative where people*

*feel trusted and safe. Do you think that merging movements (or at least, work collectively) with a stronger feminist front would help?*

For our week of action we worked with Feminist Fight Back who presented a film night in the new squat. Feminist Fight Back are amazing group of feminists committed to fighting for a feminist perspective. During the week of action we also worked with Feminist Antifascist Assembly who hosted a talk on building a feminist antifascist response to the climate emergency. We would heavily encourage looking into both groups. Feminist fronts as organised structures allow for the women taking part and those who work with the front (in this case GAF) to get robust support and/ or comprehensive feedback regarding the creation of safe spaces for women, and is a vital component of any successful liberation movement. Working with these fronts allows us to create secure safe spaces where women can organise, free of abuse and injustice.



*There is a big movement within the vegan community that opposes anti-capitalism, saying that supply and demand can change the fate of animals. How do you see that stance? Is it possible to "liberate the animals" with your wallet?*

Supply and demand changes are only a temporary solution and does not work to deliver real change. You can not liberate with your wallet. Human liberation and animal liberation go hand in hand, one is not achieved without the other. Humans and animals fate is interrelated. Exploiting animals comes with massive impacts on the human world. The horrific cycle can only end when we as humans are able to live in peace with animals. This cannot happen under capitalism. Humans and animals will never truly be liberated under a state as it perpetuates hierarchy.

*Any final words?*

GAF is always looking for more people to get involved. For those that do want to get involved with us there is contact details on our website. <3

Trapping is the bread and butter of the countryside. It isn't just gamekeepers, farmers and other subspecies of scummy countryside folk enjoy setting traps for any kind of wildlife you fcan imagine. They exercise serious mental gymnastics to justify their behaviour, but it always comes down to a combination of bloodlust, macho behaviour and profit.

HOW TO DEAL WITH

# TRAPPING SCUM

So what can you do to combat the murder of thousands of trapped animals?

You can learn about trapping. This sounds somewhat counter-intuitive, spending a long time in hunting forums and facebook groups can make anyone feel sick, but it actually helps immensely to understand how different traps work.

*To catch birds, scum will normally use either a "Ladder trap" or a "Larsen trap". They are both the same concept, a decoy bird (either plastic or alive) is used to lure other birds into the trap. Once they go in, they are unable to get out again.*

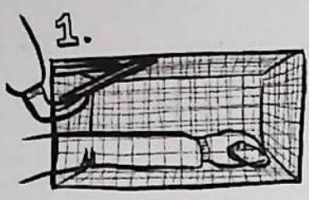
*To catch large mammals like foxes or badgers, scum will normally use either "snares" or "live cage traps". Snares are placed on top of animal runs and wrap around the neck or chest of an animal. They are then shot dead. Live traps can be placed close to runs too, catching the animal by luring them with bait. They are also shot dead, or in many cases, left to die of starvation and rot by lazy trappers. Small mammals are targeted in a similar manner.*

*Rabbits can be snared, and trappers use relatively smaller cage traps to catch them as well as mink and rats. Squirrels and mink might be trapped using "Fenn traps", a spring loaded metal trap that will catch their legs, head or whole body and crush them dead. For squirrels, those traps are situated on trees, inside of wooden boxes. For other animals, they might be placed on a log that crosses a stream.*

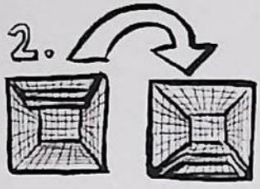
**once you have familiarised yourself with the most common traps, you can go out on pleasant walks in the countryside and search for evil little things**

There is no doubt that shooting estates will heavily target all other wildlife, so that is a good first target, but remember that some nature reserves also enjoy the murder of animals, so checking around in the National Trust or RSPB's "staff only" spaces is not a bad idea either.

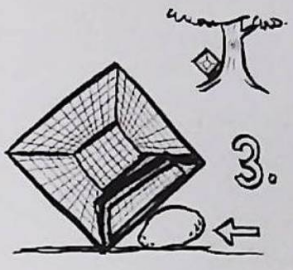
# *How to quickly and quietly decommission a live trap:*




Ensure you are wearing gloves. Hold the door open as one person reaches inside and removes the stone or weight at the back.




Then continue holding the door open and turn the cage upside down. This will ensure the door does not clang shut.




Move the cage so it is resting on one corner edge, so it's a diamond shape with the door on a lower edge. If alone, use a tree, fence post or other upright support to lean the cage onto.

One person the holds it firm using both hands and maybe steadying it with a knee. They should be holding the end without the door. The other person should then stand on the top corner edge of the open end and gently bounce up and down. This will quietly flatten that end.

Once that end is flat enough to balance the cage without support, both people stand on the top corner edge to flatten the whole thing.

Once fully flat packed, both people stand on one end and pull the other end upwards, bending the cage in half.

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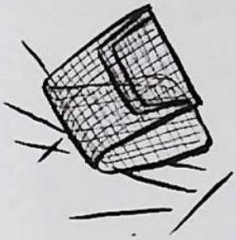
Final result is a cage that cannot be reused to murder badgers. If you feel at all unsure or uncomfortable take a grid reference or mark the location on a map and get in touch with your local hunt saboteur group asap!



So what do you do once you've found some traps? You destroy them. You break the shit out of them. Ladder and Larsen traps need to be emptied first, releasing any animal trapped inside. If they look like they need vet care, you should take them with you and find your closest wildlife rescue. They can then be smashed, cut to bits. Get creative!

Snares are easy to deal with, you must pull them off the ground. They are normally stuck with a little wooden steak, but they might be permanently attached to fencing. In that case, you'll need to cut the metal string. Cages can be smashed, boxes can be broken, Fenns can be triggered and taken away... Any metal bits you can easily carry, take with you. Fenns can be thoroughly broken before sold for scrap metal. Use the fundings to get some more fuel to visit the countryside, or donate it to your closest sanctuary.

Remember that Gamekeepers tend to have little huts in the woods and the might be hiding even more traps in them. Open that door up and ensure they lose some money today! Once you're used to find traps, you'll make sense of why the scum set them in specific locations and you will find it easier to find more. You can then expand your knowledge on other traps, like mole traps or the sneaky rabbit drop boxes.

Be an accomplice in the fight for survival by the wild. Don't let capitalism murder the countryside for profit.

# TURN YOUR ANGER

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# INTO ACTION

*Very rarely an opportunity like this exposes itself so clearly, and very rarely we can see a whole industry being so threatened by the actions of a few.*

# Shut down the shooting industry for good

Thoughts on how a target campaign against the game farm business would render a multimillion industry to ashes.

We all know how the game farm business works. Hunters (who will pretend to be working on conservation) breed wild animals in factory farm conditions. They rear them, grow them to young adulthood, sell them to shoots that then release them into the wild to charge hundreds to city kids that go blast a defenceless animal with a shotgun.

Game farming has increased to such an extent that the UK alone sees game birds imported from France, Poland and Portugal via the Eurotunnel or via ferry. And it is a weak link.

Last year, the game industry saw a dangerous and increasing trend: people walking to the farms and releasing breeding or rearing birds into the wild by the thousands. This action was dual by nature: a major liberation action without the difficulties of homing and caring for the animals whilst causing serious economic damage to the business. In part, this increase in actions was due to a map online pinpointing many game farms in the UK.

The map in question was called "Game Farm Map" and appeared all over the place. The Innocent Badger blog still has multiple entries where people can find that map.

Since then, things have developed. That map that had points in the UK has gone international. Many countries in Europe as well as the USA and Canada now have game farms marked for everybody to see. Alongside the growth of that map, a second interesting resource surfaced on 325.nostate.net. a PDF called "How to Sabotage the Game Farming Industry". In that PDF, anonymous sources explain step by step how a game farm can be raided. To add insult to injury, a game farm in the UK was reported as arsoned in the month of April.

Seeing all those resources, then, and analysing the game farm industry, it is a no brainier why people have done massive raids. If the breeding birds are released just before the egg laying season (around the beginning of march), the farm is unable to collect eggs and send them to a hatchery. If the farm gets raided whilst birds are being raised for shooting (juveniles can fly from about June time) the game farms cannot sell those birds to shooting estates.

That means that instead of having to physically sabotage the shoot over and over again throughout the shooting season, a small group of people can stop the shoots before they even start by releasing the birds.

What we do know is that because of Covid-19, the UK has seen at least a 50% of the shoots suffer from the lockdown, with as many as a 30% of them closing for the upcoming season. The game farm industry is in an all time low after a major peak and a continuous increase in the past few years, almost on their knees begging for help.

***Only time will tell if this campaign will catch on. It just begs the question: do you want to work hard, or do you want to work smart?***

# Coronavirus may well bring back the sound of breaking glass

*- thoughts from a happy smasher*

In the early to late 90's pick up any copy of a number of publications that covered direct action and you'd find again and again that butchers windows were being smashed across the country regularly.

My own memory is of coming back from the pub on a Friday night and just hefting a brick at a butchers, but also quite soberly getting wound up at home and then going into town with broken spark plugs or hammers and smashing windows of shops that sold fur. The last time I did that was probably in the lanes of Brighton around 2000-2001, that was the last time and the main reason was CCTV.

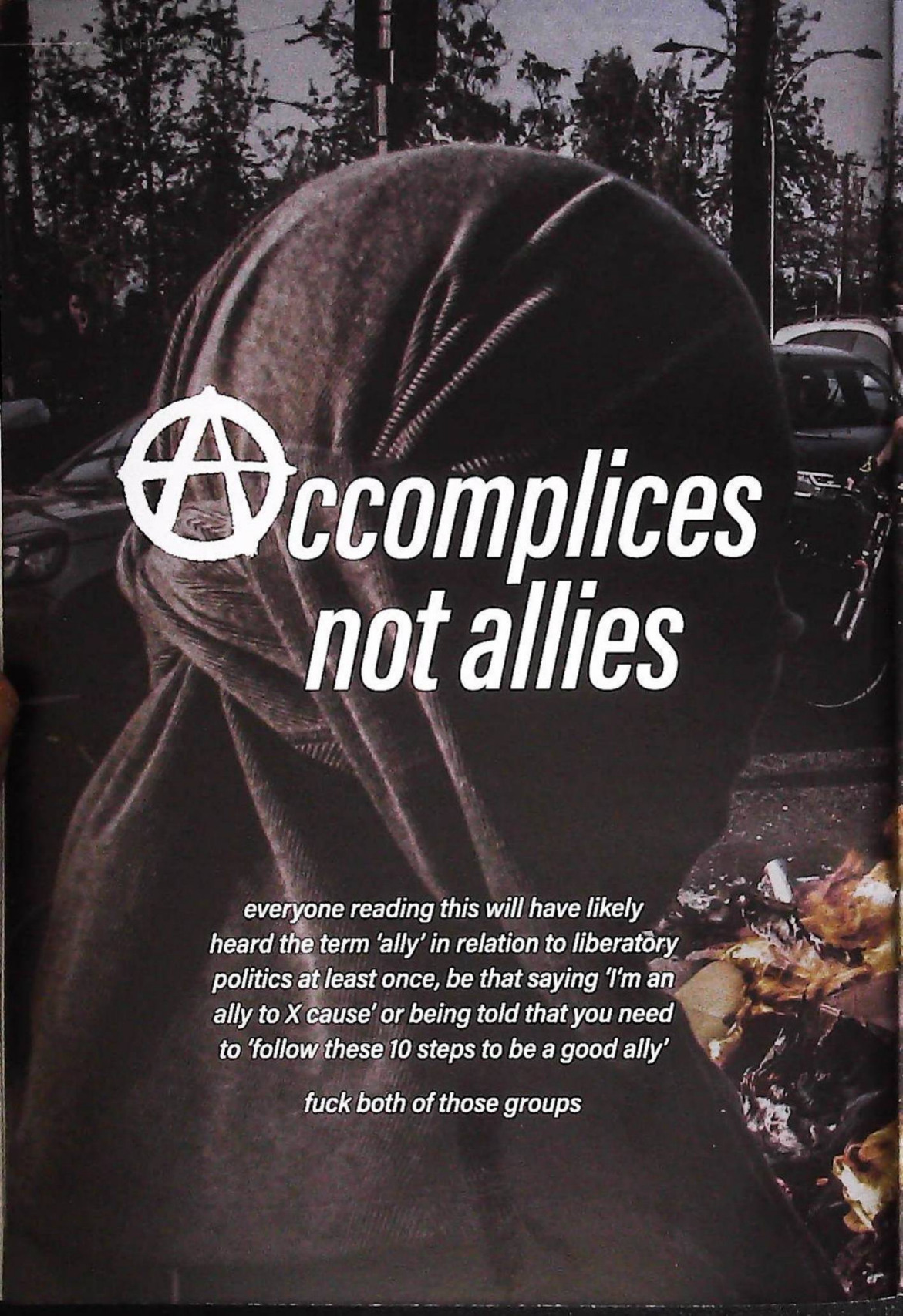
The rise and spread of CCTV combined with fears of DNA forensics were most likely the two biggest drivers in slowing down and stopping the very normal hobby of animal rights activists. DNA and forensic investigations into retail windows were very rare, but on a bigger scale they were used in the late 90's as I once had the misfortune to find out.

I'd stolen a glass breaker from the back of a coach, it had a nice red handle that went over the knuckles, a month or so later on a demo in Cambridge that was against vivisection, there was a good few dozen of us and only 2-3 police officers, we rounded a corner and Glaxo buildings were right on the street with no protection, taking the opportunity, I ran up to the building and hit the first window. I came so hard that my hand went through and cut it spraying a small amount of blood everywhere. I ran round a corner and smashed another dozen or so windows, they were all a couple of square meters each and had a golden sheen to them so you couldn't see in. I ended up at the end of a row, turned a corner, quickly buried the tool, and walked off. I'm not sure if burying the tool was a great idea, but on reflection smashing loads of windows in broad daylight probably isn't too clever.

Two and half years later, I was arrested for a trespass, taken into Cambridge police station where I was then charged with criminal damage to glaxo's windows worth £12,500, the evidence I was told was clear cut as my dna had been found at the scene, thankfully after cutting my hand and leaving evidence, I'd made the sensible precaution of wearing heavy gloves and disposing of clothing straight after any more smashy fun so there wasn't a trail of broken windows across the country for me to worry about. Also thankfully and for reasons unknown to me the case was never followed up, and I didn't ever have to go to court.

So why do I think the current pandemic will see a return of broken butchers windows? Primarily because coronavirus is making face masks acceptable to wear day or night, this makes CCTV redundant, I also suspect that with the potential rise in apps that track people to trace the spread, leaving smart phones at home will become normal. The spontaneous smashing of windows after going out for the night socializing is unlikely to ever make a comeback, but the casual leaving the house and heading into town on a whim with a hammer is almost certainly going to come back, if activists can't go out and take part in actions due to social distancing, butchers windows may well become the softest target in town.

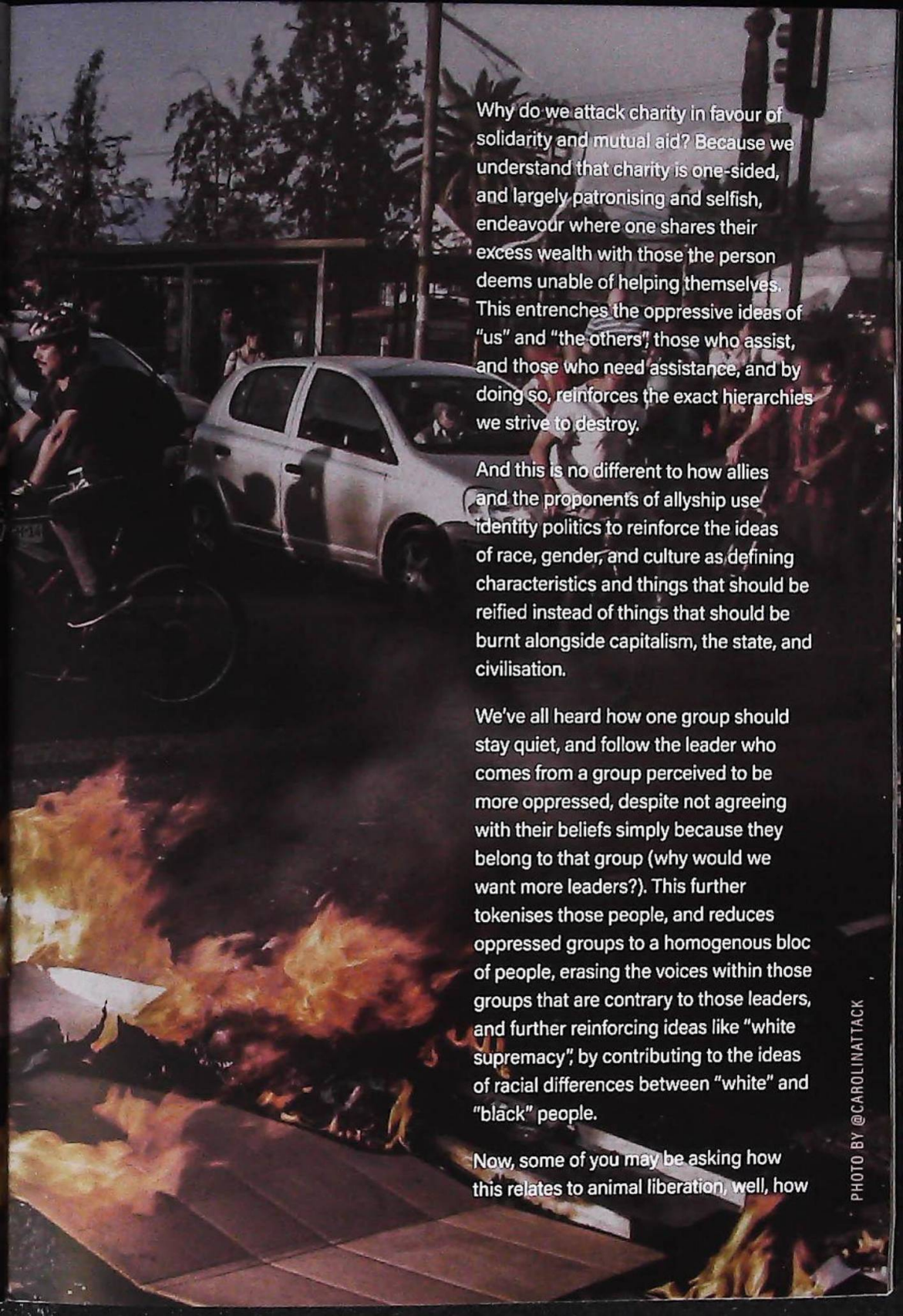
As I am writing this, a report has been published about the first butcher shop smashed in Brighton during lockdown. It has a nice video to go with it! Maybe more will follow, and maybe this time we see a future where butchers give up for good. Only time will tell. May the speciesist windows scream liberatory chants every night of the week.



# Accomplices not allies

*everyone reading this will have likely heard the term 'ally' in relation to liberatory politics at least once, be that saying 'I'm an ally to X cause' or being told that you need to 'follow these 10 steps to be a good ally'*

*fuck both of those groups*



Why do we attack charity in favour of solidarity and mutual aid? Because we understand that charity is one-sided, and largely patronising and selfish, endeavour where one shares their excess wealth with those the person deems unable of helping themselves. This entrenches the oppressive ideas of "us" and "the others", those who assist, and those who need assistance, and by doing so, reinforces the exact hierarchies we strive to destroy.

And this is no different to how allies and the proponents of allyship use identity politics to reinforce the ideas of race, gender, and culture as defining characteristics and things that should be reified instead of things that should be burnt alongside capitalism, the state, and civilisation.

We've all heard how one group should stay quiet, and follow the leader who comes from a group perceived to be more oppressed, despite not agreeing with their beliefs simply because they belong to that group (why would we want more leaders?). This further tokenises those people, and reduces oppressed groups to a homogenous bloc of people, erasing the voices within those groups that are contrary to those leaders, and further reinforcing ideas like "white supremacy", by contributing to the ideas of racial differences between "white" and "black" people.

Now, some of you may be asking how this relates to animal liberation, well, how

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many times have you seen organisations and individuals post how they "rescued an animal", or seen posts asking for people to hurry and "rescue" chickens from a farm because the farmer has now agreed to give them to activists (what isn't told upfront is that these "activists" have bought the animals from the farmer, further reducing their lives to a commodity).

Notice the language used in those posts reduces the animals to a group that requires the ally to save them? That they are incapable of liberating themselves without a human to do it for them?

This removes the reality that the animals are agents of their own liberation, and if given the chance, would gladly liberate themselves in an instant. This is why we need accomplices, those willing to stand side by side with those in need of liberation regardless of the outcome, instead of the allies who will gladly stand behind someone for fear of being cancelled because they spoke their mind, or did something the community deemed "damaging to their image".

The easiest way for the State to eradicate movements based on Allyship is simply to criminalise support for that movement.

This can be seen now, by the number of Liberal Vegans commenting on direct actions about how those acts will "give vegans a bad name", and that direct actions will "put people off going vegan". These people have reframed animal liberation as an Identity, and that getting people to live a vegan lifestyle is the most important thing, that we can achieve liberation simply by buying or not buying certain products, reducing a fight for liberation to a mere consumer choice.

To combat this, we must root the culture of allyship from our movement, challenge those who sell courses and talk on how to be a better Ally to the Animals. Instead of giving solidarity to vegan options and businesses, give solidarity to prisoners and arrestees. Instead of "giving a voice to the voiceless" (they're not voiceless), amplify the words and voices of direct action against the agents of oppression.

In closing, Fuck Allyship, Fuck Speciesism, Racism, LGBTQ+phobia, Sexism, Fuck Gender, Race, Culture, Nationality, and all other identities forced upon us that exist only to divide us. Embrace the Wild, embrace liberation, embrace love and passion, start a wildfire of action that the State cannot stop.

*Further reading:*

*Revolutionary Solidarity: A Critical Reader for Accomplices - Warzone*

*DistroAccomplices Not Allies: Abolish The Ally Industrial Complex - Warzone*

*DistroAin't No PC Gonna Fix It Baby: A Critique of Ally Politics - Warzone Distro*

*Homage to Negro Matapacos, the Chilean riot dog who bravely fought the police during the students riots.*

*by @Carolinattack*

Most if not all animal rights activists are aware of who the Animal Liberation Front were and still are, but not as many are aware of who were

# The Animal Liberation Leagues

IMAGE: SEALL

NALL ——— The Northern Animal Liberation League
SEALL ——— The South East Animal Liberation League
CALL ——— The Central Animal Liberation League
EALL ——— The Eastern Animal Liberation League

The Animal Liberation Front specialised in liberations and economic sabotage mainly masked and at night, involving small numbers of people.

The Animal Liberation Leagues tactics differed from those of the Animal Liberation Front; their methodology depended on organising in your face raids usually inside labs or farms, in broad daylight using large numbers of activists who would swamp security and if possible escape the police.

These raids were never meant for liberating animals but for gathering as much evidence as possible to expose to the press, however if animals could be liberated, they were.

The kind of evidence gathered in these raids included the names of individuals that carried out brutal experiments on animals, their home addresses, where the animals were sourced from, as well as photographic and video footage evidence of the extreme animal suffering witnessed by the activists inside these hellholes.

In 1984, 200 Eastern Liberation League [EALL] activists invaded the Unilever labs in Bedfordshire while staging a public demonstration outside.

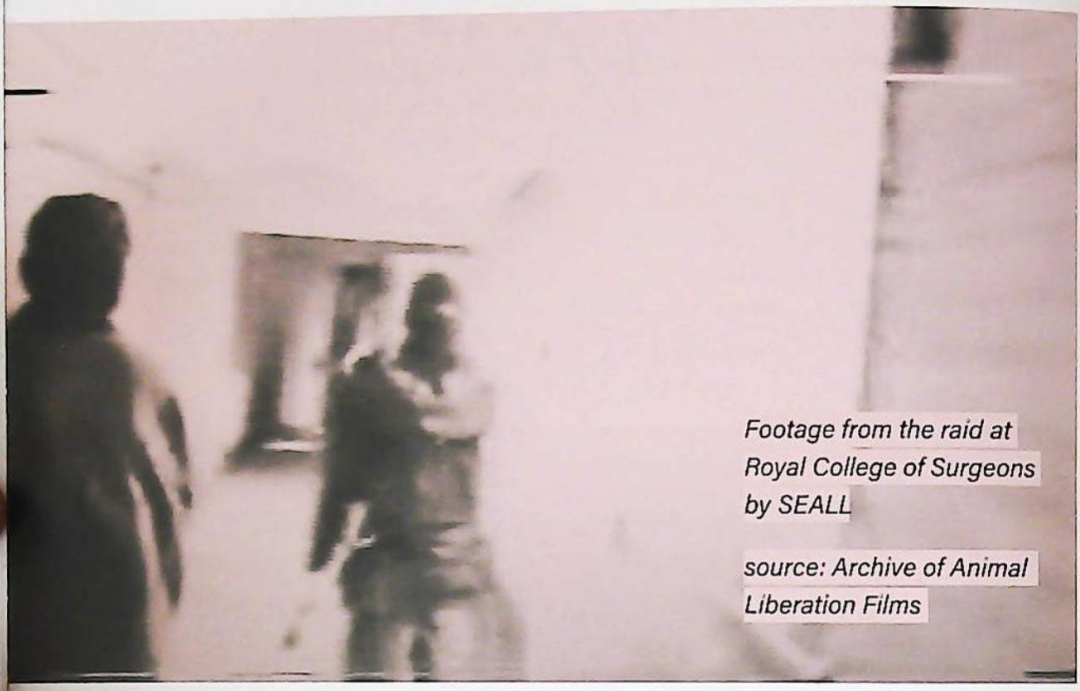
The Unilever labs had been completely fenced off with a 12 foot steel uncuttable fence which was part of a multi-million pound computerised security system, which had been installed two years earlier. This however, did not stop the activist breaching this security system! The activists cut through the fence with a petrol driven stone cutter in no time at all and jumped through the hole in the cut fence.

Once through the fence, doors within the Unilever labs were 'sledgehammered' to gain access to the office buildings. At some point during the raid a security car turned up; an activist threw a sledgehammer at it and it disappeared as fast as it came!

On the get away drive some of the activists ran into a police roadblock where they were stopped. The activists debated whether to get out of the van and make a run for it, they decided to stay put and were arrested. They were all detained at Bedfordshire police station for around 26 hours. The police kept their shoes for "forensic tests" and released all activists barefooted.

The activists were charged with conspiracy to burgle and conspiracy to cause criminal damage. They were then kept on police bail for nearly two years until April 1986. In all, 41 people were arrested, but a lot of activists carrying a lot of evidence files did manage to evade the police and get away, because of this the raid was successful because what they went inside for, they kept in their possession.

The trials were split into three, the first two were at Northampton Crown Court and the other was at Leicester.



*Footage from the raid at Royal College of Surgeons by SEALL*

*source: Archive of Animal Liberation Films*

Nancy Phipps was one of the activists there, [lovingly referred to as "Grandma Phipps"] during the invasion and her two teenage daughters Leslie and Jill. Leslie and Jill were sent to prison for 6 months but Jill was given a suspended sentence and spared jail because one of the jury members did not want her going to jail and giving birth to her unborn son, Luke, in prison.

The conclusion of the three major trials was that 27 activists were convicted and 25 of the 27 were sent to prison for between 6 months and 2.5 years - a grand total of 41 years.

The trial lasted over 4 months and cost the tax payer a whopping £2 million pounds for £11,000 worth of damage.

Judge Wild who presided over the case described the activists involved as follows: "You are not friends of society, you are enemies of it, that I believe is your true purpose."

The arrests, trials and subsequent prison sentences lead to a dismantling of the leagues, by 1985 all ceased to exist except for the Central Animal Liberation League who's motto was "Through The Doors When They Least Expect It."

Their story will be told in the second instalment of the Know Your History Series.

@LIXIE_SICKANDNORMAL

QUEER LIBERATION
7
RIOT!
VEGAN
ALF
NO RAINBOW CAPITALISM
LIXI

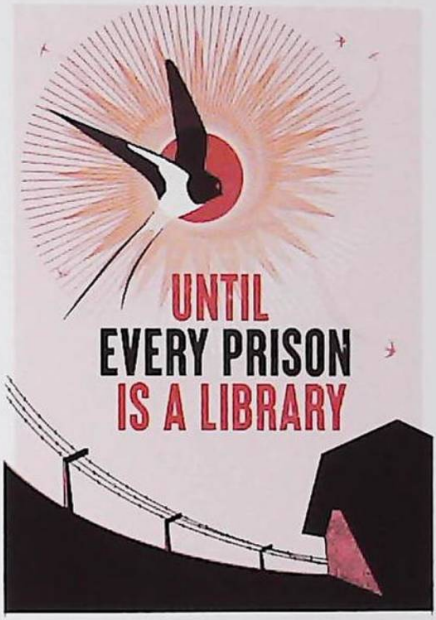
# How to write to a prisoner

***When I used to think of letter writing to prisoners I would imagine lonely hearts sending love letters to hardened cons. Now I write letters to prisoners and realise its nothing like that.***

Most prisoners are not hardened in the way we imagine: they are hardened yes but not in a burly gruff way. They are victims of a society that has decided the way to treat people that push back against extremes of poverty, racism and classism is to impose the cruelty of prison on them. That would harden anyone, surely. The actual hardened criminals: the corporate boss, the politician, the elite walk free. The person I write to in prison isn't scary or harmful. They are terrified and in the depths of depression. The interventions an accountable and just system could have taken are well gone. As I understand it, many activists want to write to political prisoners: the slaughterhouse arsonist, the antifa that punched Farage in the face, the returning Rojava comrade. And to this I say fuck yeah! But don't get it twisted: all prisoners are political. Jails are not full of rapists, (yes there are some) but instead the poor, the black, the mentally unwell disproportionately fill cells, whilst the criminal elite remain in freedom. The so-called justice systems have us believe that we can cure these fractures in society by putting people in shit-hole-not-fit-for-purpose-privatised-modern-day-slave-jails. But do the problems still remain? Yes, they do.

As anarchists we reclaim the power of the communities we are in and build a society we wish to see. We do this when we act in solidarity with those that have been harmed by the state and that means folxs behind bars. This can be by writing letters, popping a few quid in their commissary or showing up at their court dates. Writing can be done the analogue way but its worth checking if your country has a write to

prisoners facility online as its a million times easier. Plus, you can copy/paste articles they may be interested in, even easier still. When writing paper letters make sure you include your name and address or if you do not wish to do so a few orgs will act as a third party and send them on, on your behalf, keeping you anonymous. Do not stick things to the letters and definately do not add glitter! The screws hate that and any additional items could prevent your letter from being accepted.

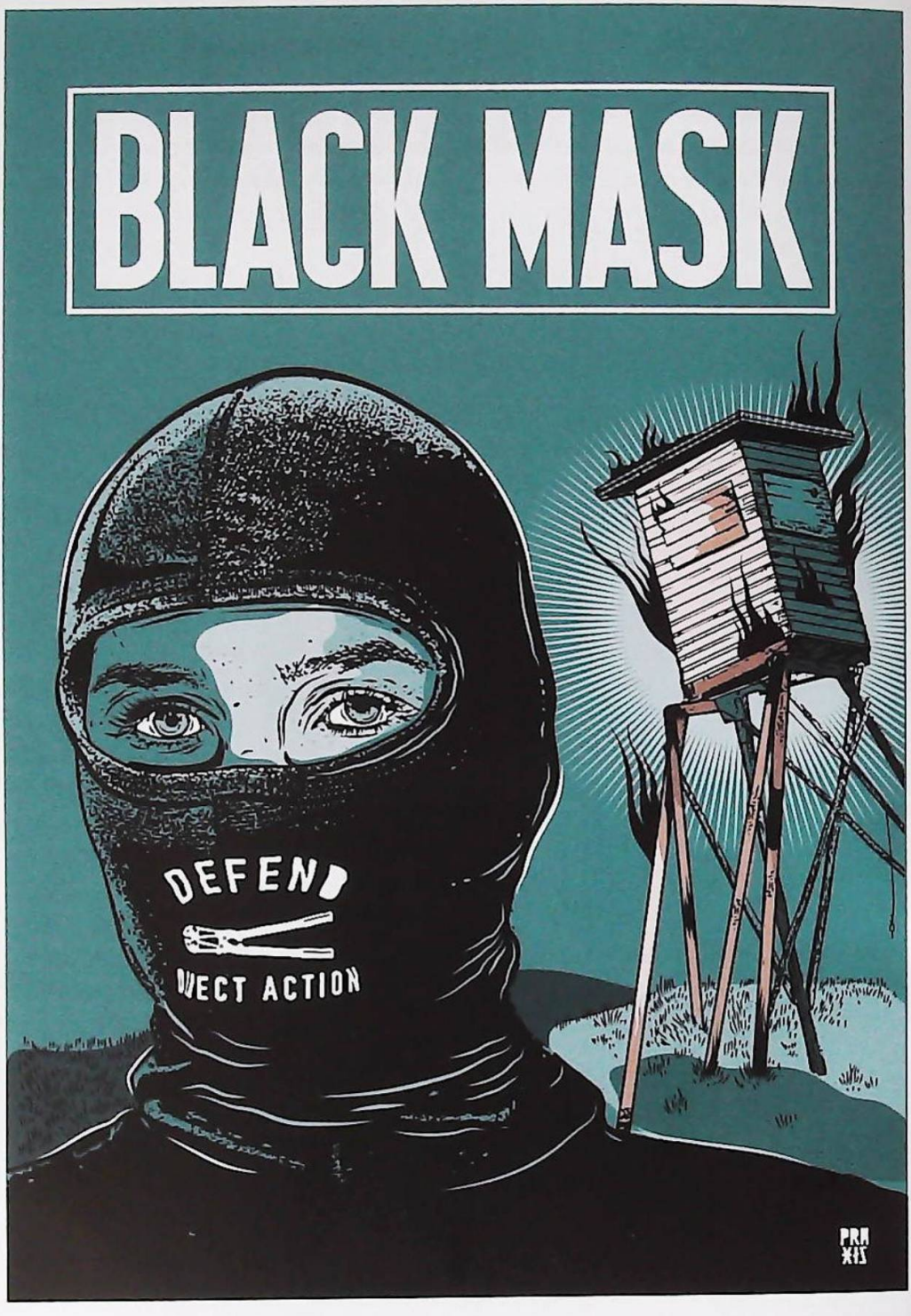



So, you're sold. You're up for writing to prisoners. Who to write to? There are often call-outs for solidarity with inmates on social media.

Now, what to write? Firstly I steer clear of triggering content. You may well end up talking about someone's mental health with them and I would recommend showing comraderie if and when they decided to open up about that. If you know they have been struggling simply saying 'I hear you've not been feeling great, I'm here for you if you need me.' is a good start. Its good to try to find common ground with a person so write about what interests you have. This feels so weird at first: writing to a complete stranger. But it gets easier. I write about how my life is going, what ticks me off, what the place I live in looks like - describing your surroundings to a person trapped in walls i imagine would bring a little comfort, what my upbringing was like, current events. I can't draw but I've attempted so draw the animals I live with. If you can draw I'd definitely send drawings and art.

I don't talk about their case or any legal matters.

As it stands I haven't received a letter back from any of the folxs I've written to. Perhaps my writing is utter bollox but perhaps the crushing prison system has worn them down and they are not up to responding. Or they are skint which is why if you have a few pounds to spare you should send it. Its even possible to do this online as well. Type "send money to prisoners" into google. Whatever the reason for having no response, don't take it personally and keep sending solidarity.


BLACK MASK
DEFEND
DIRECT ACTION

WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
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THE LYNX CULL HAS STARTED
CONFLICT
LIBERATE
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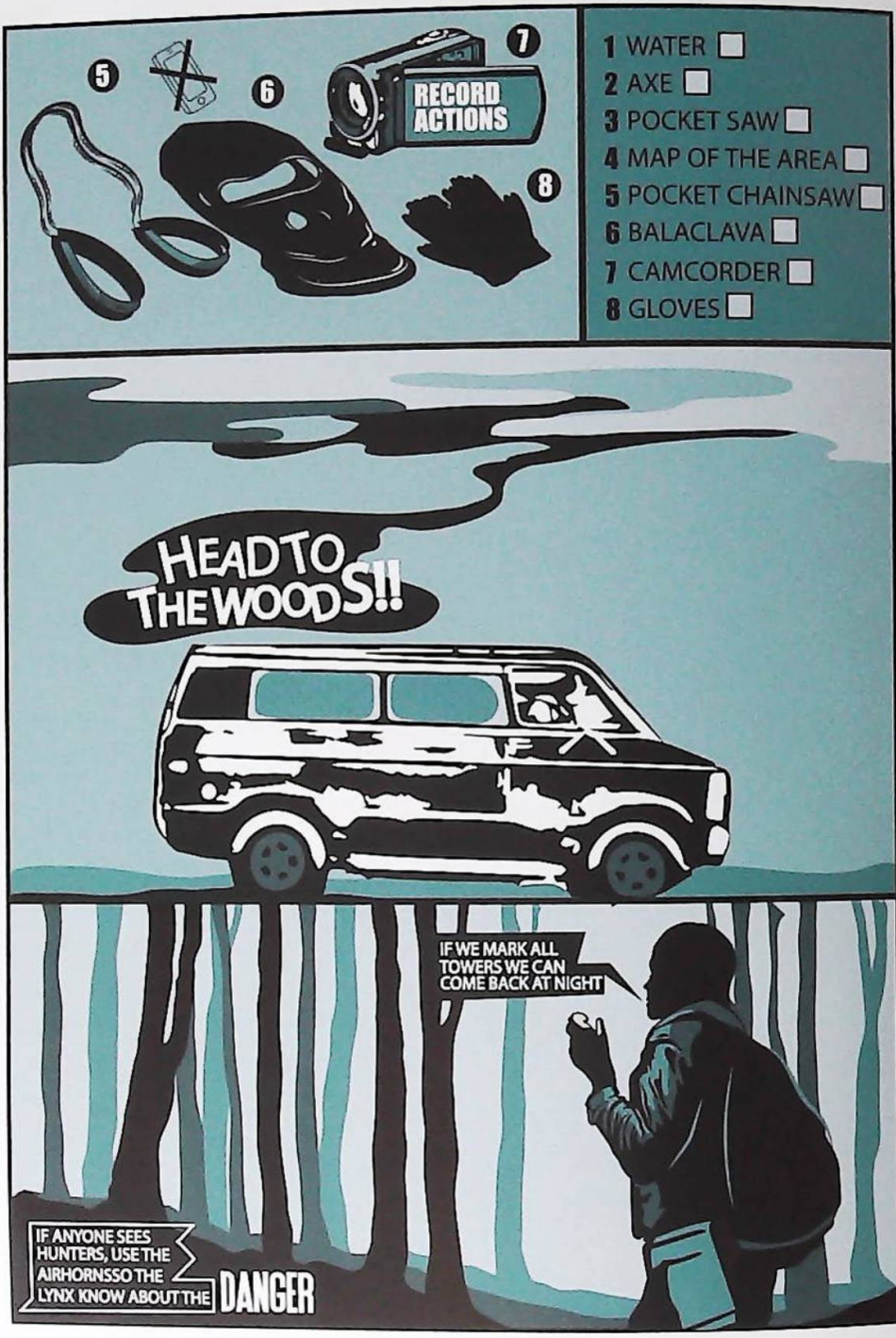
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1 WATER
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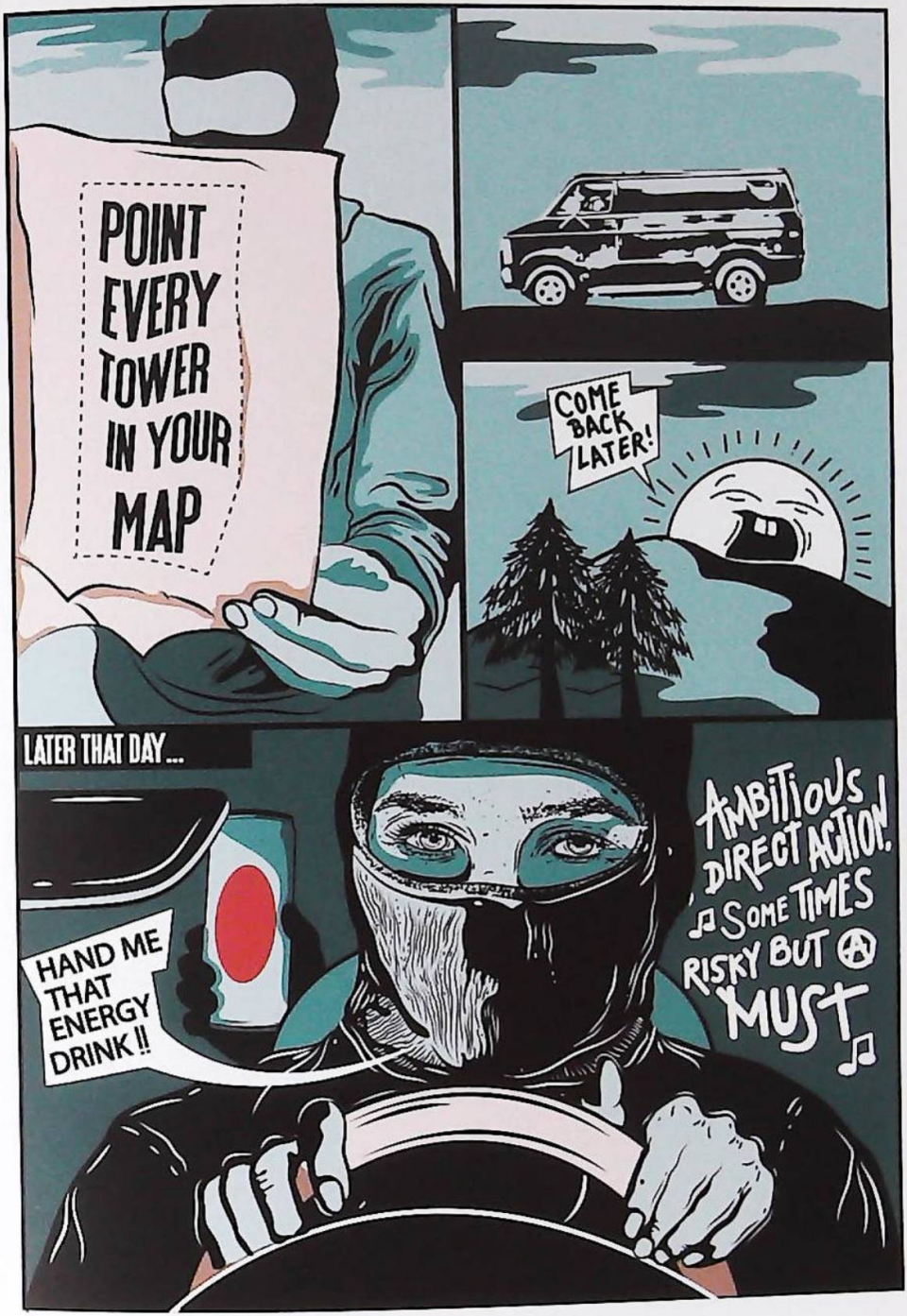
4 MAP OF THE AREA
5 POCKET CHAINSAW
6 BALACLAVA
7 CAMCORDER
8 GLOVES
HEAD TO THE WOODS!!
IF WE MARK ALL TOWERS WE CAN COME BACK AT NIGHT
IF ANYONE SEES HUNTERS, USE THE AIRHORNSSO THE LYNX KNOW ABOUT THE DANGER


POINT EVERY TOWER IN YOUR MAP
COME BACK LATER!
LATER THAT DAY...
HAND ME THAT ENERGY DRINK !!
AMBITIOUS DIRECT ACTION! SOMETIMES RISKY BUT MUST

LATER THAT NIGHT...
DO WE KNOW WHICH TOWER IS CLOSER?
YES!!
DESTROY
1
2
3
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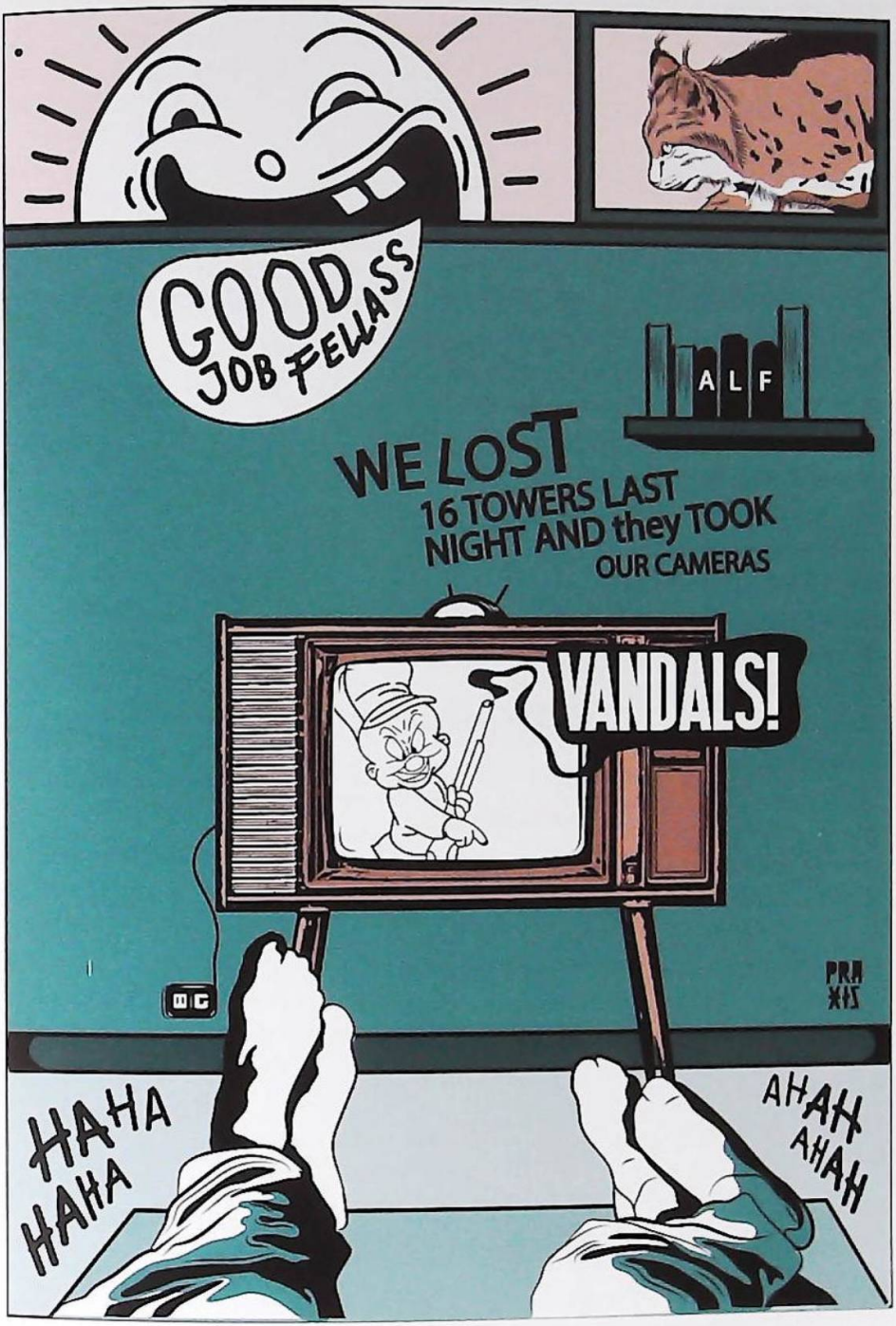
That map reading workshop paid off, here is the first one

PUSH!
MAKE IT FALL ONTO THE ROAD THAT WILL THE PERFECT BARRICADE!
ALF
LOOK! A HUNTERS CAMERA!!

SMASH IT!
Take it
I'm sure that SD card will show us a few scummy faces we can show online
BACK TO TO THE VAN
GO HOME


GOOD JOB FELLASS
ALF
WE LOST
16 TOWERS LAST NIGHT AND they TOOK OUR CAMERAS
VANDALS!
HAHA HAHA
AHAH AHAH

# Write to prisoners!

While folks are banged up in cells, suffering at the hands of the state, supporting them is the least we can fucking do.

Write them a letter, get them a book off their wish list, send them some money so they can do things like eat. Bear in mind that while we do our best to keep addresses and details up to date it is worth checking yourselves and seeing if there's any conditions you have to jump through like only writing letters on plain white paper with black ink. Remember that for a strong direct action movement, folks need to feel supported behind bars.

For more details and court dates follow @arrestsupport [ig]

Resources:
*unoffensiveanimal.com/prisoner-support* *abcf.net* *prisonabolition.org*

### Walter Bond

Walter received a total prison sentence of twelve years and three months. For the "ALF Lone Wolf" arsons.

*supportwalter.org*

### Leonard Peltier

Peltier has spent over forty-four years in prison for a crime he did not commit.

Leonard Peltier
#89637-132
USP Coleman I
U.S. PENITENTIARY
P.O. BOX 1033
COLEMAN, FL 33521
U.S.A

*whoisleonardpeltier.info*

### Marius Mason

Serving nearly twenty-two years in federal prison for acts of property damage carried out in defence of the planet, involvement in ELF.

Marie (Marius) Mason
#04672-061
FCI Danbury
Route 37
Danbury, CT 06811 USA

*supportmariusmason.org*

### Sven Van Hasselt

Sentenced to five years relating to the SHAC campaign. Has requested no letter for the time being, so just remember them for if that changes.

### Brian Vaillancourt

Serving nine years for "aggravated arson" or in his words, trying to "burn down a slaughterhouse known as McDonald's".

Brian Vaillancourt
#M42889
Robinson Correctional Institution
13423 East 1150th Ave
Robinson, IL 62454
U.S.A

### Eric G. King

Sentenced to ten years, Eric is a vegan anarchist political prisoner, he was arrested and charged with an attempted firebombing of a government official's office in Kansas City.

Eric King #27090-045
FCI Englewood
9595 West Quincy Avenue
Littleton, CO 80123

*supportericking.org*

# Prisoner update

**Red Fawn**

Water protector sentenced to fifty-seven months for allegedly firing a weapon.

RedFawn Fallis
#16358059 Unit E
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**Ladislav Kuc**

Ladislav is an animal rights activist accused of illegal possession of arms, manufacturing explosives, and terrorism for a bombing in front of a McDonald's on December 28, 2011, in which there were no injuries. Sentenced to 12 years.

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**Marius Mason**

*supportmariusmason.org*

Marius Mason is an anarchist, environmental and animal rights activist sentenced to twenty two years in federal prison for acts of property damage. The judge applied a "terrorism enhancement" and Marius was originally held in the high security administration unit at the FMC Carswell in Texas in an effort to silence his political beliefs. He was moved in May 2017 and again in March 2019, to SCI Danbury.

From the most recent update in May 2020, the visiting room is being used to house Marius and other prisoners after testing positive for COVID-19.

He is still able to receive phone calls but has lost access to emails, has not been allowed to have visitors for quite some time and letters are taking longer to get to him, though they are eventually. Letters are more important than ever right now so still write, he just can't reply to all — use white paper and envelopes, no cards and no books at the moment.

As of 16th May 2020, SCI Danbury has reported that thirty prisoners and five staff have tested positive and one prisoner has died. The updated numbers are at bop.gov/coronavirus.

**Eric King**
*supportericking.org*

Eric King is a vegan and anarchist, arrested and charged for an attempted firebombing of a government official's office in Kansas City, MO in September 2014. He was sentenced to ten years, his release date is June 2nd 2023.

From the most recent update in April 2020, Eric has been given two severe disciplinary infractions, including of the greatest severity offence (100 series) and highest level of offence (200 series) for "1. encouraging others to riot" and "2. use of the mail to further criminal activity". Different level offences bring on different disciplinary procedures, more in-depth information on this can be found through bop.gov/policy/progstat/5270_009.pdf.

The Counter Terrorism Unit of the BOP contacted FCI Englewood when a NY ABC newsletter published a poem that Eric wrote, which they are considering a direct threat to the warden. He is also being internally charged for "the assault of an officer" after the guard alleges that Eric shook a shampoo bottle and a drop of water got into his eye. Eric was told that the only way to see this "evidence" against him is to file a freedom of information request and despite the fact that this could impact his legal case, he is not permitted at his own defence or even to meet with his lawyer at this time.

His family are being prevented from visiting but he can still receive letters though isn't able to hold onto them, he might not be able to reply but appreciates all the support.

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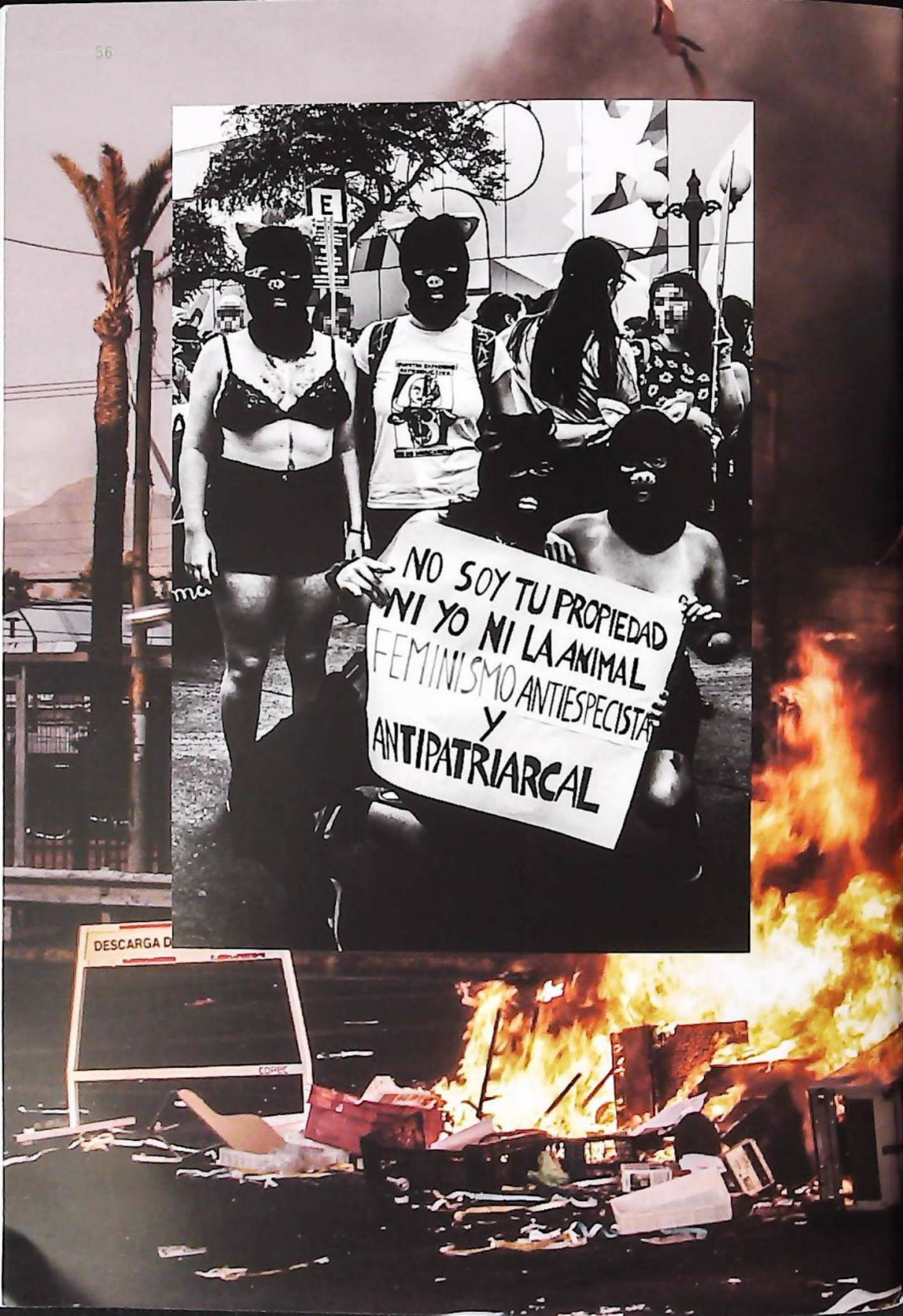
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